(c) Time for a few months after the publication of a report is usually allowed for the receipt of criticisms. Whether the scheme report for Guntur should also be discussed in the Legislative Council will be considered after it is received.

Proposals of the Collector of Guntur regarding the revision of water-rates for lands under spring channels in the Guntur district.

* 210 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have received any proposals from the District Collector, Guntur, about the revision of water-rates for lands under spring channels;

(b) what orders, if any, have been passed by the Government on the proposals sent by the Collector; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the District Collector's letter on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) The Collector recommended that the rates of water-cess to be charged for irrigation from spring channels in the Bapatla taluk, emanating from sand ridges along the sea coast, should be those prescribed in section A of Appendix I to Board's Standing Order No. 4-2, as amended by G.O. No. 806, Revenue, dated 8th May 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press. The Collector's recommendation has been accepted by Government.

(c) The Government do not consider this necessary.

Hardship due to the introduction of a uniform flat rate of water-tax in the Guntur district.

* 211 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the introduction of the present uniform flat rate of water-tax has increased the rate per acre from 50 to 100 per cent in many cases;

(b) whether the Government or Board of Revenue have received representations from the District Collector, Guntur, about the hardships to the ryots resulting from such enormous increase in the water rates;

(c) what action the Government have taken on the representations made by the District Collector;

(d) what are the principles underlying the old graded rates of water-tax; and

(e) whether the Government have considered the question of restoring the old rates?